

# The Bee.

Thursday Nov. 1st, 1877.

Office in Sanford & Hawley's Store.

## HAVE WE A BOROUGH?

This question has been asked, and answered in the affirmative, but on inquiring why nothing was ever done to the street, we were answered by being told that though there was a borough. No one paid any attention to it. This explained why our street is suffered to go without being worked, or put into any sort of repair. The winter will soon be upon us, and it is evident that nothing will be done to keep the street free from ponds of water. It seems a good opportunity to call attention to this matter, and as it is but a short time before the next legislative meets, would it not be well to petition for a new borough charter, and set to work doing that which is absolutely needed, toward improving the street. Who will make the move to have the borough organized and proper government instituted?

## Water! Water!!

The disaster which has apparently befallen the Newtown Waterworks Company excites considerable comment, and not a few, especially of those who have watched the movement from a distance, are very much astonished at the want of enterprise of our citizens of the village in letting so good an opportunity pass by as was offered to them by the proposition of Marcus C. Hawley, Esq. We are certain that the object which was had in view was postponed by a want of knowledge in reference to the supply of water, and as it has been made a subject of, and used with effect, it is not out of place to say that it never entered the mind of Mr. Hull, the gentleman employed to survey the land and locate the reservoir, or the minds of the other gentlemen most prominent in the waterworks question, to construct a reservoir which will supply the village with water flowing from the water-sheds. The whole arrangement and supply was based upon the known condition of the land and the springs that could be opened, and it was from living springs that good, pure water was to be obtained. Several persons in the village got the notion from some source that there were no springs in the lot now, and that there had never been any, and concluded that if water were to be obtained at all it must be surface-water. These refused to lend their support upon these grounds. This, so far as we know, is the only reason assigned by anyone for not subscribing to the stock. We present below a letter from Mr. Hull of Bridgeport elucidating the matter in question, and obviating the objections interposed, and it is to be hoped that, at some future day, our citizens needed enterprise.

As regards the value of water kept at hand in case of fire, we cite in evidence the recent one in Danbury on Wednesday night, Oct. 24, when a paper-box factory belonging to Abijah Abbott was discovered to be on fire a few minutes past 11 o'clock, and was totally destroyed in a short time. The building was in such proximity to others that, had there not been a good supply of water kept at hand there is no telling the amount of damage it might have caused. A building that stood only a few inches from the burning factory was saved with but slight damage. What would be the fate of this village as now situated if a fire got started? What means is there at hand to quench a fire eating up one of the fine buildings on the street? Even if our cisterns are full in winter, how are they in summer when fires are most to be dreaded? The only defense you have at present is your wells and cisterns; these are useless unless there are men enough to convey the water. If every one could say for a certainty that there is no danger of a fire happening, and that for present, domestic use we have plenty of water it would not be necessary for us to trouble you any further on the subject. But there is danger and we feel it our duty to raise the cry of warning. To anyone wishing to make public any objections that can be urged against the project in question, we gladly offer the use of our columns.

BRIDGEPORT, Oct. 23, 1877.

Editor of the Bee: Reports have reached me from time to time that certain gentlemen state that there is no water at the point located for a reservoir for the contemplated waterworks for your village except from the sides above said reservoir, or what we call water-sheds. I now make the same statement that I made in my report at the water meeting held in Sanford's Hall, that there was an abundant supply of water from the springs alone to supply the village. I examined this one and important point with a good deal of care and became fully satisfied that there was water in abundance for all purposes. My long experience in waterworks for municipal and power purposes for thirty years gives me some advantage in being able to judge in regard to matters of this kind. I am quite satisfied that, by constructing a reservoir where located, it will open new sources of supply from springs that are out of sight, or do not show themselves at the surface. There is sufficient evidence of this one fact at the lower side of the location of said reservoir.

I say now, as I have previously stated, that there is an abundance of water at the point located for the reservoir from springs alone without the aid of water-sheds which the grassy hill-sides afford. As I have already stated, I examined this one point with care, as it was an important one. Mr. Richardson examined this point. Mr. Warner and both fully confirm my opinion as to quantity. I have had a long experience in this kind of

work, and it cannot be possible that we are all in error in judgment on this one point. We think not, as we think too much of our reputation to make so gross an error as this would be in stating that there was an abundance of water when such was not the fact. When gentlemen like Messrs. Hawley, Dick & L. B. Booth take hold with so much earnestness in the matter and subscribe so liberally to the work for the public good, is it not well for all to interest themselves in this work? It is for the public good and equal benefit to all.

Yours &c., B. H. HULL.

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Miss Mary Tousey, who had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. David Johnson, during the past Summer, returned home last Monday.

Marcus C. Hawley, and lady left on Friday of last week for a visit to Chicago and Omaha, and will return in a few days.

Mr. John B. Wheeler left for Chicago last Thursday.

Mrs. Hermion Peck left town last Saturday, to visit her sister, Mrs. Morris, in Bridgeport.

Mrs. Nathaniel Wheeler and children, of Bridgeport, are stopping at Dick's Hotel.

Mr. J. D. Fairchild, of Brooklyn, was in town over Sunday, visiting his friends at the Central House.

Mrs. Susan Hall has returned to Sandy Hook, and may be found at her old quarters at Mapleside.

Miss L. C. Moody is again in town, and is stopping at her former residence.

Miss Bessie Roberts, who has been visiting her friends in Hawleyville, for several weeks, returned to her home, in Northampton, Mass., last Thursday.

Mr. John T. Kelly, of Middletown, N. Y., arrived in town on Tuesday, Oct. 23d, and returns home to-day with one of Newtown's fair daughters, Miss Maggie Collins, as his bride.

Miss Abigail Peck went on a visit to her friends in New Haven on Tuesday.

## DEATH OF A JOURNALIST.

Minott Angur Osborn, for over fifty years connected with the New Haven Register, died at his residence in New Haven, on Wednesday of last week, in his 67th year. He became one of the proprietors of the Register in 1884, and has been its head since that time. His public life is well known to most of our readers. In private life he was among the most congenial of men. He was a kind neighbor, a genial employer, a valued citizen and an honest man, whose good works will long survive him. He leaves eight children, the eldest of whom, Minott E., succeeds his father as manager of the Register.

Mr. Osborn was a distant relative of Mr. Minott Augur of this town.

## SUDDEN DEATHS.

A double funeral took place last Saturday afternoon, in Yar. On Thursday afternoon, the funeral was held for Mr. John Berry, who died suddenly in the same house, aged 76 years. On Saturday afternoon, a brother and some of the neighbors followed the remains to Berkshire cemetery. The two bodies were buried in one grave. The cause of their deaths is unknown. It was truly a sad sight to behold.

## A SURPRISE.

Friday evening, October 19, a party of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the residence of Mr. Starr Polley, in Taunton district, and gave that gentleman and family an old-fashioned surprise. It was the most sociable and entertaining affair of the season. There were readings, recitations and singing. Rev. J. P. Hoyt and lady were present. We are informed that the refreshments were in abundance, and all who were present expressed themselves as being highly gratified with their visit and the enjoyments of the hour.

## A CATASTROPHE.

One day last week one of our citizens, who was the possessor of two fine cats, (real beauties), had one of them killed in a sudden and cruel manner by a dog. The whole household was plunged into grief by this awful calamity, and as a token of respect came was placed upon the remaining cat. The burial of the deceased and cruelly murdered pussy, was attended with great solemnity, and the remains deposited in the little grave with tender care and with many sincere regrets. Requiescat CAT in pace.

## THE LECTURE.

Prof. Sedgwick's lecture, in the Congregational church, Thursday night last, was very entertaining and instructive. There were not as many present as there would have been, owing to the changes that were made. The lecturer, gave notice of the lecture for Wednesday night. Of that entertainment we cannot in this issue say anything.

## THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORIAL CONVENTION.

Met in Sanford's Hall, Tuesday, October 30th, all the delegates present. Mr. George Winton called the convention to order, and stated the first business to be the appointing of a temporary chairman. Mr. Henry Perry, of Danbury, was chosen chairman; Mr. C. H. Murphy, of Danbury, clerk.

Committee on Permanent Organization:—Dillon Disbrow of New Fairfield, Thomas White of Ridgefield, C. D. Meeker of Redding.

Committee on Credentials:—Horace T. Peck of New Fairfield, Wm. H. Glover of Newtown and John O. Beebe of Bethel.

Committee on Resolutions:—Mr. John Mooney of Newtown, Chas. Porter of Reading and John H. Merwin of Brookfield.

Report of Committee on Permanent Organization presented the name of Geo. H. Winton of Newtown, chairman, and C. H. Murphy of Danbury, clerk. Report accepted and Mr. Winton took the chair, and upon motion to take an informal ballot, tellers Wm. H. Glover and Gordon S. Peck were appointed. An informal ballot showed, that of the twenty-four votes cast Jonathan Sanford of Redding received 6, L. L. Hopkins of New Fairfield 9, D. Meeker of Brookfield 6, Geo. W. Bradley of Newtown 3, and C. H. Shepard 3.

A motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock was made and carried. Mr. Douglas Fairchild of the Central Hotel appeared at the door and said: "Gentlemen, please come to dinner, quick." The announcement and invitation caused considerable merriment, and the delegates retired to the hotel, where a most bountiful supply of good things were set before the waiting multitude and dispatched in fine style. The very best feeling prevailed. On the assembling of the delegates at two o'clock the several friends of the candidates urged the claims of each with force. Mr. Henry Perry of Danbury was the principal speaker. We cannot attempt to give but a bare outline of all that was said and done.

A second informal ballot was taken, with but a slight change, and that was in favor of L. L. Hopkins, who received 7 votes. A third informal ballot was then taken and resulted in no choice, but exhibited an increase vote for J. Sanford.

It was then moved and carried that a formal ballot be taken, and after four ballots Mr. Jonathan K. Sanford of Redding, having received 14 votes, was declared the nominee.

It was then moved that the nomination be declared unanimous, which was carried, and a committee appointed to wait upon Mr. Sanford and notify him of his nomination. Mr. Sanford appeared and returned his thanks.

A paper was also read highly commendatory of the candidate for sheriff, Aaron Sanford. Mr. Dibble of Danbury made a very pleasing address and was listened to with great attention. Mr. L. L. Hopkins made a stirring speech also. Several other gentlemen spoke. The meeting then adjourned.

Qwing to a want of space we are unable to give the names of the delegates.

## LOCAL NOTINGS.

Read the election notice.

Be sure and read the advertisement of Prof. Sedgwick.

Mr. Thomas Aldis has moved into his new house on Boltsford's Hill.

Mr. Starr Blackman, of Hawleyville, was again operated upon, yesterday.

H. Sanford, Esq. is having the walk graded in front of the store of Sanford & Hawley.

That blind ditch just below the residence of Mr. A. S. Otis is damaging the road, and should be fixed.

Hon. Charles H. Crosby, of Danbury, was nominated by the Republican convention for sheriff, Oct. 23d.

Judson Bros. have had their entire store building painted and trimmed. It looks very cheerful and neat.

Wild geese are passing southward. Our readers can draw their own inference.

John Sanford, senior, of Sandy Hook, received a painful wound last week by stepping on the lines of a buckle.

Mr. Broun Buckley picked a quince weighing twenty-four ounces from one of his trees last week.

At the republican convention held in Danbury, Oct. 30th, Sidney E. Hawley, Esq., of Brookfield was nominated for senator.

Three youths wasted their entire stock of ammunition on three squirrels up one tree, a few days ago, and had to give up the job.

Mr. Wm. O. Griswold has taken charge of Sanford's grist mill, in Sandy Hook. The buckwheat mill is in running order. Bring on your grist.

The lectures in the Congregational Church are the finest we ever attended. Do not let this opportunity pass by without attending them.

Mr. Glover Hawley removed the large brown stone monument and the remains of his son from the Newtown cemetery to his lot in Lands End cemetery.

E. M. Wilson and his corps of workmen have been at work on Sanford's grist mill, adding window frames and new siding, where most needed.

Curtis & Son have made many good improvements in their Button Factory, in Berkshire. They have purchased two new boilers, and will have them in operation soon.

Mr. Bankhead, of Bridgeport, and Mr. Charles Gunn, of Danbury, will move into the residence recently vacated by Mr. Starr Polley. Mr. Polley has moved into Beaver Brook district.

The Court of Errors having reversed the decision of the Supreme Court, which gave Eugene Ward \$1,000 damage, against Wm. J. Dick, in the recent slander suit, meets with much favor from all parties.

Selectman Mitchell informs us that he visited the house occupied by the town poor, and found that the inmates were well cared for, and had every attention possible, and that Mr. J. H. Botsford deserved commendation for the well-kept abode of those under his care.

The repairs to the schoolhouse, N. C. District, will be completed this week. The edifice has a much more cheerful look since Reynolds interviewed it with two coats of paint.

Samuel W. Post, Esq., of Bennett's Bridge, is the democratic candidate for Senator in the Fifth District. We shall vote for any man for that office that lives in New Haven County.

Smith & Perkins have been at work painting the interior of R. Nichols Hawley's residence, in Hawleyville, and it is said to be, by those who have seen the rooms, very handsomely done.

H. S. Hawley station agent at Hawleyville has been shipping a large quantity of apples and walnuts, averaging at least 20 bushels of walnuts per day since the season commenced.

The Newtown Paste Board Band have not disbanded, but are practicing for future glory. The wet weather would rust their instruments is the only reason why they have not "sarahaded" any in the past two weeks.

Several ladies and gentlemen from Danbury visited the Central House one evening last week, and after procuring the services of Prof. Blakeley, organized an impromptu dance, and had a very enjoyable time.

The woods are full of amateur sportsmen, and the poor birds have to fly from bush to bush in order to keep from being trodden under foot by them. Occasionally one gets "ragged"—but there are exceptions to all rules.

The closing exercises of the fall term of the Academy will take place next week. Thursday, examinations, and on Friday closing exercises, to which the public are cordially invited. The next term begins Nov. 19th. See advertisement.

Wm. Cothren, Esq., sent us a box by express (Tyler's) in which were some green peas and fine raspberries, which were sweet and fresh. The peas were full in each pod. Mr. Cothren will please accept our thanks for these favors.

Some one whose judgment was sadly abused by an inordinate love of the beautiful caused the disappearance of a choice plant from the dooryard of Mr. D. M. Reynolds, Wednesday night of last week. The other temptations have been removed.

Geo. W. Barker & Co., clothiers, cor. Main and Bank streets, invite you to call and examine their stock of ready-made clothing, which they are offering to purchasers at prices that cannot be beat. Their goods are well made, and will fit you as perfectly as those of any establishment in the city of Bridgeport.

On last Sunday Rev. J. P. Hoyt extended an invitation to the members of his church and congregation to be present at his house Thursday evening. The Reverend gentleman has been a happy and prosperous Benedict for ten years, and it is a great pleasure to have him greet, on this occasion, their many friends.

A train band was knocked off a gravel train on the Housatonic railroad a few days ago. While leaning over the side his head struck a whistling post. The engineer saw the accident, and stopped. The man jumped up on to the train leaving his hat behind and when asked why he did not pick up his hat, said he wanted to right the post, and forgot it.

## Correspondence

### WAILS FROM WOODBURY.

#### NEVER MORE.

Oh! said the grief, that bids the heart,  
That beat with love before,  
Suppress its throbs and sternly say  
Love shall be

Never more!

'Twas long ago when first we loved—  
The halcyon days of yore—  
But they have passed—a happy dream,  
And shall be

Never more!

Ah! lovely were those moonlight hours,  
The loudest bending o'er,  
With whispers sweet, which now must be  
Remembered

Never more!

How sweet our walks through wood and glen,  
On hill—by shady shore;  
How can you dare to bid me these  
Remember

Never more!

How oft we've felt the dear delights,  
That thrilled our hearts' deep core;  
Oh! the thought that thou should say  
These shall be

Never more!

How oft the sweetest sympathy  
Has spread our feelings o'er;  
Ah! what sad fate now bids thee say  
This shall be

Never more!

The happiest hours to mortals given  
We've counted by the score;  
Then can you ever consent to say  
These shall be

Never more!

But, if thou hast forgotten quite  
The love to thee I bore,  
Thou dost well—we both will say  
This shall be

Never more!

### Woodbury Items.

—W. Cothren Esq. has just gathered to-day, Oct. 31st, his October crop of raspberries. If the weather continues fine he will be able to gather his November crop, as he has once before done. This variety of raspberry is a very wonderful one. It ripens berries every month. The bushes are still in bloom. We have had no frost to stop the bearing power of this variety. It is a valuable addition to any man's garden.

—Daniel Tuttle says he cannot stand the outrageous conduct of those fellows that throw stones at his windows. He

says he has got a "shooting iron," now, and if they come again he will "pepper them." He has spoken to Stoddard about it, and asked his advice. Stoddard is careful, and a little adverse to scamp shooting, although he thinks the scamps deserve it, as he does not advise deadly shots. He is inclined to think if David "shoots low," and wounds the miscreants in their ankles, that they may repent, and live to become better citizens, instead of putting John Ashley Atwood to unnecessary expense. John has enough on his hands now, without adding to his burdens.

—Our new lock-up is being rapidly built. George Roswell has the job. He is aided by his father, and that old pioneer, our friend, Cereus Saxton. It is said there was a little talk of putting an injunction on the building of the lock-up. It was thought to be only a little game of our first selectman, Mr. Beardsley, to build some fire-proof rooms under the Town Hall—a most favorable locality—in which to put the Probate and Town records. This suggestion is reported to have alarmed Lewis's Block, as the Probate records are now kept in a little outhouse behind that block, and no one is certain what would happen if the guards should be murdered. It is a serious question—one calculated to make the most callous-hearted man tremble. Mr. Editor if your town had only one street two miles long, and both ends were evil and jealous of each other, you would understand a little what we enjoy in our good old town of Woodbury.

—O. Platt Crane, Horace H. Minor, William Stewart and William Cothren, are the appointed delegates to the Litchfield county Republican Sheriff's convention.

—The republican caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for representatives to the General Assembly will be held at Town Hall, Friday evening, at 7 o'clock. It is very desirable, on every account, that the several branches of the party should be present, harmonize their views, present good candidates and an undivided phalanx.

—Only the private street lamps shine yet. The people cry out for a general re-lighting.

—A friend hands in the following as the latest astronomical discovery from the celebrated Woodbury Observatory, which is the receptacle of the most perfect astronomical instrument in the world. We quote:

"The last comet appeared in Woodbury some four weeks since, in the constellation Virgo. After sundry unaccountable motions, it has disappeared in the arms of the Centaur. Our chief astronomer expects its re-appearance in due time, in the MILKY WAY."

—"No more at this present" from your unknown friend, NAMELESS.

## Editor of the Bee:

DEAR SIR:—A convention of Juvenile Temperance was held at the Central House, in Bridgeport on Saturday afternoon, the 27th inst. Delegates from each of the five Temples in Fairfield County were present, beside many visiting members. About twenty were present from Newtown. The regular delegates from Alpha Temple, No. 1, at Sandy Hook, were Charley Gately, George Taylor, Frank Perkins and Jackson Sanford, and from Olive Branch, No. 14, in South Cent. District, Annie Henderson, Leeie Beers, Robert Tomlinson and Charley Johnson.

The convention was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by T. H. L. Tallcott, of Glashtonbury, the General Superintendent. At 2 o'clock a recess was taken, and Pearl Temple, of Bridgeport, opened in usual form, and initiated five candidates. The exercises for Good of the Order, were very interesting, consisting of vocal songs, recitations, and music both vocal and instrumental. Brief addresses were made by Mr. Tallcott, Mr. A. C. Stoddard, of Fairport, N. Y., and Rev. Alpheus Winter, of Greenwich, Conn. The convention adjourned at 4:30 P. M., all declaring it to have been a most enjoyable occasion. M. F. P.

## FOR "JOE" AND "THE BEE."

Please Joe, don't plague us! We are over-sensitive, already, from unkindness of all and from all, and now, cruelly thoughtless Joe, goes and plagues us some more. Isn't it punishment enough "By their fruits (k. e. Berry's) ye shall know them?" We do seem to be widely known by our fruits, and by naught else. Supposing our fruit will not let itself be cultivated by neighborly hands? We have tried it, and found the soil unwilling to be disturbed from its natural or rather unnatural inactivity. "Needs must" share our spoils with others, and no soil so peculiarly adapted to transplant fruit, as that of Mr. Nebo where one is sure of a higher and better growth almost immediately.

"No doubt Easterly has read Shiloh," and no doubt it is the only book she, or he ever has read. Now there is another book in town and so near as Mt. Nebo, our heart goes out to it, and our hands would fain do likewise. Will Joe kindly lay that "fourth edition," on the gate post the very first moonless night? We will endeavor to grope for it without disturbing the dog or the neighbors, for the prospect of seeing a book with quite a circulation, is as tempting as the rare odors of roast turkey and oysters to the fashionable "tramp." Now don't go to retorting, by asking if it is our custom to go prowling about, for things left out on dark nights, for we shall feel "burnt" if you do.

How can well-read Joe speak of the world renown of Newtown as a happening of the future! Doesn't "everybody under the sun" know it is "some-where near Danbury!" Though "a neighbor over in Newtown," the "News man" has

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